



Fostering Futures and CSA

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Fostering Futures provides the opportunity to continue to serve and support young adults, ages 18-21, as they transition to adulthood from foster care. The 2016 General Assembly added language to the Appropriation Act (Section 346 L.1-4, M.) defining the eligible population and directing the Virginia Department of Social Services to develop the program. Youth who attain age 18 while in foster care placement on or after July 1, 2016 are eligible for Fostering Futures. As the Code of Virginia requires the extension of foster care services to age 21, these youth are eligible and mandated for the CSA (COV §§63.2-905, 2.2-5211, 2.2-5212) so CSA Coordinators, CPMT members and FAPT members should become familiar with the requirements of Fostering Futures. Let's see how much you already know!

CSA and Fostering Futures - QUIZ ***(Select the best answer)***

1. Youth enrolled in Fostering Futures are eligible and mandated for services under the Children's Services Act. (True or False)OK, this one was a giveaway. 😊
2. A youth's eligibility for IV-E is re-determined upon enrollment in Fostering Futures. Which of the following are criteria for the new determination?
 - A. the youth's income
 - B. participation in one of five criteria related to self-sufficiency
 - C. signing a Voluntary Continuing Services and Support Agreement (VCSSA)
 - D. approval of the VCSSA by the court
 - E. all of the above
3. Fostering Futures youth may reside in any type of supervised living arrangement and still be eligible for IV-E. (True/False)
4. If a Fostering Futures youth is not eligible for IV-E maintenance payments, CSA is responsible for the maintenance payments. (True/False)
5. Fostering Futures youth may not leave and return ("opt back in") to Fostering Futures. (True/False)
6. The amount of the basic maintenance payment for youth enrolled in Fostering Futures is:
 - A. \$700
 - B. \$658
 - C. \$644

7. Maintenance payments made to Fostering Futures youth must be approved by the FAPT, unless the locality has a written policy excluding these cases from FAPT review.

8. All services (including supervision costs charged by providers) must be reviewed and approved by the FAPT. Just as with foster youth under the age of 18, services must be documented on a service plan or IFSP. (True/False)

9. Youth enrolled in Fostering Futures may be placed in group homes. (True/False.)

10. Foster parents may receive basic and enhanced maintenance for Fostering Futures youth residing in their homes. (True/False)

How did you do? Answers are found on next page.

Answers to Fostering Futures Quiz

1. True, See introductory paragraph
2. E (all of the above)
3. True, Title IV-E accepts a wide array of living arrangements considered “supervised living arrangements” with the local department of social services providing the supervision.
4. True, just as with foster youth under the age of 18, children are eligible for either IV-E or CSA maintenance payments.
5. False, youth enrolled in Fostering Futures may leave care and return any number of times until age 21.
6. \$700, the independent living stipend for youth who are not in Fostering Futures remains \$644.
7. True, just as with foster youth under the age of 18, review and approval of maintenance payments may be excluded from FAPT review only if the CPMT has a written policy to that effect.
8. True, any costs other than maintenance must always be reviewed and approved by FAPT.
9. False the Appropriation Act expressly prohibits placement of Fostering Futures youth in group homes or residential treatment.
10. True, again, just as with youth under the age of 18, foster parents may receive both the basic and enhanced maintenance (as determined by the VEMAT) payments.